

NEW RADNOR RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

RADNORSHIRE



JOINT
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
AND OF THE
PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
FOR THE YEAR 1963

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL
(including Parish they represent)

AND

CHIEF OFFICERS

J. E. Hughes (Chairman) - LLANDEGLEY

J. H. Evans (Vice-Chairman) - EVENJOBB

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|----------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------|
| A. L. Price | - COLVA | C. T. Davies | - LLANFTHANGEL |
| J. T. Edwards | - EDNOL | S. K. Williams | - MICHAELCHURCH |
| Idris Lloyd | - GLADESTRY | I. Lloyd | - NEWCHURCH |
| C. T. Davies | - GLASCWM | J. Lloyd | - NEW RADNOR |
| Mrs. I. Harley | - GLASCWM | J. G. Taft | - OLD RADNOR |
| B. D. R. Ball | - HARPTON | E. L. Mills | - TREWERN |
| V. T. Jones | - KINNERTON | P. S. Hughes | - WALTON |

Clerk and Chief Financial Officer - H. Pugh

Medical Officer of Health - R. H. Jobson

Surveyor and Public Health Inspector - L. Allen, M.A.P.H.L.

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To the Chairman and Members of the New Radnor R.D. Council

Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen

In presenting this Joint Annual Report I wish to thank Mr. L. Allen your Surveyor and Public Health Inspector, for his contribution towards it and for his co-operation in the past year.

Richard H. Jobson
Medical Officer of Health

1. STATISTICS IN THE AREA

| | |
|---------------------------------|---------|
| Area (in acres | 51,892 |
| Number of inhabited houses | |
| (according to Rate Book, 1963) | 704 |
| Population | 2,050 |
| Rateable Value (as at 31.12.63) | £28,964 |
| Sum represented by a ld. Rate | £112 |

2. VITAL STATISTICS

| | <u>Total</u> | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> |
|------------------------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| (a) Live Births (legitimate) | 34 | 19 | 15 |
| " " (illgitimate) | NIL | NIL | NIL |

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|----|----|----|
| 34 | 19 | 15 |
|----|----|----|

(b) Still Births

- - -

(c) Infant Mortality

| | | | |
|-------|-------------------------------|---|-----|
| (i) | Death of infants under 1 year | - | NIL |
| (ii) | " " " " 4 weeks | - | NIL |
| (iii) | " " " " 1 week | - | NIL |
| (iv) | " from puerperal causes | - | NIL |

(d) Causes of death - Statistics provided by the Registrar General

| | <u>TOTAL</u> | <u>MALE</u> | <u>FEMALE</u> |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| 10 Malignant neoplasm Stomach . . | 1 | 1 | - |
| 17 Vascular lesions of nervous system | 7 | 4 | 3 |
| 18 Coronary disease angina | 5 | 4 | 1 |
| 19 Hypertension with heart disease | 1 | 1 | . |
| 20 Other heart disease | 1 | - | 1 |
| 21 " circulatory disease | 2 | 2 | - |
| 34 All other accidents | 1 | 1 | - |
| | | | |
| TOTALS | 18 | 13 | 5 |

3. INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

The district has remained comparatively free from infectious and other diseases during the year under review.

4. TUBERCULOSIS

The County Medical Officer deals with all aspects of this disease.

5. NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT, 1946

The County Council is the responsible Authority for the execution of this Act.

(a) Laboratory Facilities - These are provided by the Public Health Laboratory at Hereford and the Public Analyst's Laboratory at Carmarthen.

(b) Ambulance Services - The County Ambulance Headquarters are at the County Hospital, Llandrindod Wells. This ambulance has to be used even when cases are being sent out of the County, principally to the County Hospital, Hereford.

(c) Dental Care of Mothers and Young Children - These facilities are provided by the County Council.

(d) Child Welfare - The Child Welfare Centre is at Walton, and is attended monthly by the District Medical Officer.

The following portion of the report has been compiled by the Surveyor and Public Health Inspector.

6. WATER SUPPLIES

Samples of both public and private water supplies were taken and submitted for analysis. The public supplies were reported as being satisfactory with the exception of Franksbridge Water Supply. The contamination to this supply was due to a break down with the chlorinator.

With the exception of the severe frost at the beginning of the year, with resultant freezing up of water services, and mains, no shortage of water to households occurred during the year. There were, however, breakdowns in the Franksbridge Supply, due in the main to intake being subject to flooding and resulting in suspended matter in stream bypassing screens and clogging waste valve of hydram. An additional screen (in a more accessible position) has been installed at the intake to this supply to replace baffle boards.

The New Radnor Area Water Supply was commissioned during October of this year. The source of existing New Radnor Village system was also changed over to the new supply. To date this supply has been operating satisfactory.

Parishes without any piped supply and relying solely on private springs and wells:- Ednol, Colva, Michaelchurch, Newchurch, Trewern and Llanfihangel.

Parishes with piped supplies in their area are listed as follows:-

| <u>Parishes ^{partially} served</u> | <u>Name of Piped Supply</u> | <u>Source</u> |
|---|---|----------------------|
| New Radnor Harpton Walton Old Radnor | New Radnor Area Water Supply | Harley Valley Stream |
| Llandegley | Penybont Supply Bulk supply obtained from Rhayader R.D.C. | Birmingham Aquaduct |
| Glaschw | Franksbridge Supply Glaschw Village Supply | River Edw Spring |
| Evenjobb | Evenjobb Water Supply | Spring |
| Gladestry | Gladestry Water Supply | Spring |
| Kinnerton | Kinnerton Village Supply | Spring/Well |

Following consideration of the Ministry Circular 28/62 (Wales) dealing with the fluoridation of public water supplies, the Council agreed that no action be taken in the matter for the time being.

7. DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE DISPOSAL

Of the four small sewerage disposal plants in the district two (at Evenjobb and Gladestry) deal with the sewerage from their respective housing sites and are working to full capacity. The other two disposal works at Llandegley and New Radnor receive sewerage from housing sites and some private properties. During the past year the primary school at New Radnor and two other dwelling houses have been connected to this supply.

Owing to increased difficulties in affording adequate space for Septic Tank Drainage from properties in New Radnor, the time has now come when the Council must give serious consideration to a drainage scheme for the whole of the village and for the extension of their existing disposal plant, to provide treatment for same.

8. REFUSE COLLECTION

House Refuse - The collection of household refuse has remained the same as for previous years viz:- a monthly collection carried out by private contractor. In the past, some isolated farms and private properties have not always been putting out refuse for collection. Now, most properties are doing it, and this has led to an increase in the volume of refuse collected.

Owing to the bulkier nature of household refuse, occupiers are having difficulty in storing their refuse for the one monthly collection. Requests have been received for a fortnightly collection, especially in the villages and from business premises, but the Council agreed not to alter their present arrangements.

Litter Bins - The roadside litter bins are being emptied by the District Council. No undue nuisances have occurred in the area around these bins, although household refuse is being placed out in sacks alongside these bins, usually when the next collection is due.

I am still of the opinion that these litter bins are an eyesore in the countryside and villages, however well maintained, and that the general public should be educated at a very early stage to TAKE THEIR LITTER HOME

9. HOUSING

The general condition of the houses in the district has been improved and additional amenities have been provided. Grants available from Hill Farming Improvement Schemes have once again played a major part in these improvements.

Slum Clearance - During the year, six individual dwellings were scheduled as being unfit for human habitation. One substandard house was also demolished to make way for new farm buildings.

Two houses which had been scheduled as unfit were modernised during the year, and have been brought back into circulation.

Private Building - During the year three new dwelling houses have been erected in the district.

10. IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Below are the figures comparing the number of grants approved, with those for previous years:-

Discretionary

| Year | 1959 | 1960 | 1962 | 1963 | 1964 |
|------------------------------|--------|------|------|------|------|
| No. of applications approved | 5 | NIL | 1 | 1 | NIL |
| Amount of grant approved | £1,520 | NIL | £400 | £355 | NIL |

Standard

| Year | 1959 | 1960 | 1961 | 1962 | 1963 |
|------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| No. of applications approved | 1 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 4 |

From discussions with owners of properties (especially those properties which are not subject to a controlled tenancy) it is felt that one of the conditions of grant, whereby the rent is restricted to the rent limit under the Rent Act, has been instrumental in turning owners against applying for a grant.

11. CARAVANS

There are now five individual caravan sites licenced by the Council in the area, and one holiday site for 12 caravans used regularly, except in the winter.

12. RODENT CONTROL

One major infestation occurred in Council refuse tip, which appeared to be due to a movement of rats into this area. Treatments were carried out at the tip face and in surrounding hedgerows and stream and the infestation was brought quickly under control. Free poison bait is still available for treatment to domestic properties.

13. FOOD PREMISES AND FOOD INSPECTION

(a) Food Premises - These premises are summarised as follows:-

| | |
|-----------------|---|
| Butcher's Shop | 1 |
| Bakery | 1 |
| Grocery Stores | 7 |
| Public Houses | 8 |
| School Canteens | 6 |

Total number of inspections carried out is 46

The provision of sanitary accommodation and washing facilities at these premises are good, with the exception of one public house. Mains water has been installed to this property and improvements are being planned.

(b) Section 14, Food and Drugs Act, 1938

| | |
|--|----|
| No. of premises registered for the storage and sale of ice cream | 10 |
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| No. of premises registered for the preparation and sale of sausages | 1 |
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|-----------------------------|----|
| Total number of inspections | 22 |
|-----------------------------|----|

(c) Meat Inspection

There are no licensed slaughter-houses in the district. All meat retailed from butchers shops or vans coming into the district, is slaughtered outside the district and inspected before it leaves the slaughterhouse.

(d) Milk Supply

All dairy premises in the district are occupied by producer/wholesalers and come under the supervision of the Ministry of Agriculture. Retailers operating in the area have their dairy premises outside the district.

14 FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS

| Premises | Number on Register | Number of Inspections |
|---|--------------------|-----------------------|
| (i) Factories in which Section 1,2,3,4,&6 are to be enforced by L. A. | 11 | 11 |
| (ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by L.A. | 16 | 32 |
| TOTAL | 27 | 43 |

